

GPZL Leadership Team Meeting
7 October 2021 | 13:00 - 14:30 CET

Participants

Leadership team members and guests

- Alice Cruz, UN Special Rapporteur
- Amar Timalcina, President, International Association for Integration, Dignity and Economic Advancement (IDEA) Nepal
- Arielle Cavaliero, Global Franchise Lead, Leprosy, Novartis
- Benedict Quao, Program Manager, National Leprosy Elimination Program of Ghana
- Bill Simmons (Chair), President & CEO, American Leprosy Missions
- Deanna Hage, Senior Research Advisor, The Leprosy Mission (TLM)
- Gangadhar Sunkara, Senior Global Program Clinical Head, Novartis
- Geoff Warne, CEO, International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP)
- Maarten van Cleeff, Former Director of Challenge TB project, KNCV
- Mauricio Lisboa Nobre, Consultant to Brazilian Leprosy Programme
- Rao Pemmaraju, Technical Officer, WHO Global Leprosy Programme
- Roch Christian Johnson, President, International Leprosy Association
- Takahiro Nanri, Executive Director, Sasakawa Health Foundation

Secretariat

- Andie Tucker, Project Manager, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy
- Bill Gallo, Secretariat Director, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy
- Caroline Cassard, Communications Specialist, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy
- Mondie Tharp, Project Manager, Global Partnership for Zero Leprosy

Invited but unable to attend

- Linda Hummel, Chair of Executive Group, Leprosy Research Initiative (LRI)
- Wim van Brakel, Chair, ILEP Technical Commission (ITC)

Summary of Key Decisions / Action Items

- **Action item** – The Budget Working Group will develop the 2022 workplan and will share it with LT for feedback in our meeting on 2 December.
- **Action item** – Ganga will share the findings from Novartis' recent resource landscaping project.

Meeting Agenda

Presenter	Item
Bill Simmons	I. Welcome
Bill Gallo Mondie Tharp Andie Tucker	II. Action framework and 2021 work plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview of action framework ● Review of 2021 work plan and current status of different workstreams
3 Breakout room discussions	III. 2022 work plan discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss research, resource mobilization and advocacy, and country work considerations for next year's work plan
Bill Simmons	IV. AOB
Meeting Notes	
Meeting Objective	Notes
Action framework and 2021 work plan	See slides.
Work plan discussion	<p>Resource mobilization and advocacy Mobilize general resources and build capacity of countries to lead national-level resource mobilization; build relationships; seed funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New donors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many companies can offer technology or support but not funding ○ Invite potential donors to the 2022 International Leprosy Congress ○ The Task Force may provide new opportunities for us to develop relationships that could lead to funding ● Existing donors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Existing donors are not well-coordinated. If they can work on the same project/activities, we can help coordinate. ○ Encourage existing donors to consider non-leprosy partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ We need a formal mechanism for national-level partnerships to incorporate themselves so they can pursue funding ● National governments and national partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National-level partnerships would connect the existing ILEP presence with the private sector and other foundations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ GPZL could support with cost prospecting ■ GPZL should build relationships with other global health implementing entities to collaborate on larger scale funding opportunities, playing a smaller role within a larger proposal

- Leverage resources and commitment to sustain support from national governments
- If we have a clear idea of how much funding we want each country to raise by 2030, then we have a clearer ask

Research

Integration at national and global levels

- 1) Integrate research with Country Model and country partnerships
 - Global research vs. national research
 - Country-specific operational research
- 2) Encourage leprosy research to contribute to our research priorities
 - How do GPZL research working groups contribute to the integration goals?
 - Research requires several years before findings can be integrated with country work
 - Country partners could be research sites
- Challenges: Lack of coordination and proper prioritisation
- Action needed: increase in prioritisation and coordination among organizations and universities conducting research
 - How can GPZL facilitate partnership between existing research institutions?

Country Work

- Define role with expanded group of countries
 - Maximize our reach—23 WHO priority countries
 - Finalize the application/selection process
 - Prioritise countries that applied previously
 - Define role with non-formal country partners
 - Maintain open access to tools and knowledge products; make review and action planning tools publicly available
 - Offer technical assistance and build out the Zero Leprosy Toolkit to include more resources and translations
 - Regional action plans based on countries' similarities
- Implement a tiered system of country support
- Develop post-action planning role
 - Document lessons learned from countries and share feedback from countries
- Integrate resource mobilization with Country Model
 - Show results from current partner countries: GPZL convened partners, raised awareness of leprosy in-country, improved country ownership, and renewed energy to achieve zero leprosy
 - Formalize communication from our country partners (narratives from stakeholders); put a human face on the country work (more stories from the field)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Alignment - Continue to align the Country Model with the NTD Roadmap and recommendations from the Task Force for Certification of Elimination of Leprosy (TFCEL)○ Strengthen country ownership
Key Upcoming Dates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Next LT meeting: 4 November 2021, 13:00 - 14:30 CET● Second research workshop: 6 - 9 December 2021	